

**Work Session
January 7, 2003**

The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners met in a work session on Tuesday, January 7, 2003 in the Commissioners' Conference Room at 4:30 p.m. All board members were present. *Chairman Maness called the meeting to order and the following was heard:*

Homanit's Water Account

Mr. Gunter Heyen, Homanit plant manager, was not present to appeal the Commissioners previous decision concerning their water account. This issue will be discussed at the January 21, 2003 Commissioners' work session.

Water Line Extension Project-Handy Sanitary District

Mr. Tim Carpenter was present at the meeting to discuss with the Commissioners regarding Handy Sanitary District request to purchase water from the county.

Members from Handy Sanitary asked to buy water from existing lines one week through out the year. This period would be in July. They would purchase 100 to 200 thousand gallons during this time. The valve would be closed unless there was an emergency situation.

Mr. Carpenter's concern is that the county needs to upgrade the pumps on 109 and make hydraulic improvements. The river pipe is carrying all the pressure that it needs to carry at this time.

Handy Sanitary services around 700 customers in the Montgomery County area.

Mr. George Knight, Jr. asked what was the problem with Handy's water supply?

Handy members replied there was no problem they need the water in case there was a busted line or an emergency.

Mr. Ralph Bostic asked what was the possibility of supplying water to those 700 +/- customers in the Montgomery County area that Handy currently services?

Mr. Tim Carpenter said that the 8 inch pipe line that is currently in place now would not be sufficient enough to run water, there would need to be 12 inch pipe line.

Mr. Billy Maness remarked that it would be costly to the county and for the time being leave the 700 +/- customers in Handy Sanitary's care.

Tim Carpenter said that Handy would be responsible for running the lines, not Montgomery County.

This discussion will have to be considered further before a final answer.

Update on County Water Line Extension Project

Mr. Tim Carpenter presented an update and status report on "Phase 3" of the county's water line extension project. First we need an updated list of all the petitions and then determine the most cost effective lines. Droughts have brought more petitions.

Mr. Carpenter said the number of houses per mile would be a way to evaluate the completion of the list.

The project will be permitted by the end of the month. The construction period will be 90 to 120 days.

Discussion of Jail Planning

Sheriff Jordan was in attendance for the jail planning discussion. Sheriff Jordan had a proposed plan for a new jail at the Agriculture building. The staff recommendation is 19 but the minimum on staff would be 15.

The cost of construction for the jail is roughly \$4,700,000 – \$6,000,000, and it would take about 2 years to complete.

Sheriff Jordan said that the average jail attendance during the weekday is in the mid 40's and the weekend is in the 70's.

The jail construction could possibly be aided by Homeland Security to help with costs of any grants or lease purchases.

This subject will be discussed further in future work sessions.

Commissioner's Board Appointments

The Commissioners received a previous list of boards and committees that Mr. McCallum and Mr. Blake served on as Commissioners, and other appointments made by the board.

The Commissioners decided that Mr. McCallum and Mr. Blake should receive a plaque for the service they did, they will be presented with these plaques during the January 21, 2003 Regular Session Agenda.

County Manager's Report

Mr. Lee Matthews discussed with the Commissioner's the adjustment to Mt. Gilead's water account. In February of 2002 they had a malfunction with the overflow meter. The reading was showing that more water was overflowing the water tank than was actually going into their system.

The adjustment total was \$16,007.58 that will be taken off of Mt. Gilead's water account.

Mr. Matthew's also discussed with the Commissioner's concerning Mr. Jim Parsons and his claim that the County water project contaminated his well.

The Commissioner's received a memo from Mr. Matthews that was a brief outline of the discussions with Mr. Parsons. The pump station site on Pekin Road has been taken care of by American Water.

The Commissioners discussed letting Montgomery Community College use the Agricultural Building for aerobic classes. This will be further discussed during the Regular Session.

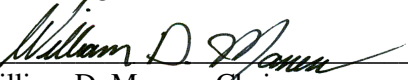
Items Carried Forward

The following items will be carried forward to the regular session:

- Mt. Gilead's water account

- Montgomery Community College use of the Agriculture Building

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



William D. Maness, Chairman



Robin L. Saunders, Asst. Clerk